

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Space Exploration Technologies Corp.,

Plaintiff,

v.

**Carol Bell, in her official capacity as
Administrative Law Judge of the Office of
the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer,
et. al.,**

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-00137

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO STAY CASE FOR 45 DAYS

Defendants respectfully request that the Court stay this case. Plaintiffs do not oppose this request.

On November 8, 2023, this Court issued a preliminary injunction order staying the administrative proceeding, *United States v. Space Exploration Techs. Corp.*, No. 2023B00082 (OCAHO filed Aug. 23, 2023), that Plaintiff is challenging in this case. See First Am. Compl. ¶ 2, ECF No. 31; Order at 9 (Nov. 8, 2023), ECF No. 28. Since then, the parties have filed cross-motions for summary judgment, which are currently pending before the Court. ECF Nos. 35, 36, 45, 46.

The Department of Justice is currently exploring actions that could resolve this case. Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that the Court stay this case for 45 days to allow Defendants to explore whether such actions are possible.

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